

Steve Clarkson

QB Coach

Football • Dreammaker • Los Angeles, CA

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Biography

Steve Clarkson is one of the most respected quarterback developers in football and is widely recognized as one of the pioneers of modern quarterback training. For more than three decades, he has helped shape the careers of elite quarterbacks from youth football through the NFL, building a reputation for developing not only elite passers, but confident leaders.

Based in Southern California, Clarkson founded Steve Clarkson Dreammaker after beginning his quarterback academy in 1986. Since then, he has worked with hundreds of quarterbacks who have gone on to compete at the highest levels of college football and the NFL. His coaching has influenced Heisman Trophy winners, first-round NFL Draft picks, Super Bowl champions, NFL MVPs, and countless Division I quarterbacks. His extensive client list has included Patrick Mahomes, Lamar Jackson, Ben Roethlisberger, Matt Leinart, Matt Barkley, Jimmy Clausen, Tim Tebow, Josh Freeman, Brett Hundley, and many others.

Known for combining elite mechanics, football IQ, leadership development, and competitive mindset, Clarkson's philosophy extends far beyond throwing a football. He believes the quarterback position demands discipline, vision, accountability, and the ability to elevate everyone around you. His influence has helped redefine private quarterback development, earning recognition from ESPN, Sports Illustrated, The New Yorker, CBS 60 Minutes, Forbes, USA Today, and numerous other national media outlets.

Today, Steve continues to mentor quarterbacks of every age while helping the next generation prepare for success on the field and in life.

Statement

Football has never been just about throwing a pass—it's about developing leaders.

For over 35 years, I've dedicated my life to helping quarterbacks become the best versions of themselves. Every athlete has unique gifts, and my responsibility as a coach is to help unlock their potential through discipline, preparation, confidence, and relentless work.

I've been fortunate to coach players who have gone on to win championships, Heisman Trophies, MVP awards, and Super Bowls. While those accomplishments are rewarding, what matters most to me is helping young athletes develop character, leadership, resilience, and the mindset to succeed long after football ends.

Quarterback is the most demanding position in sports. It requires intelligence, courage, accountability, and the ability to inspire others under pressure. Those are qualities that translate far beyond the game.

My mission has always remained the same: help every quarterback maximize their potential, pursue excellence, and become someone their teammates can trust when the game is on the line.

Education

Bachelor's Degree

at San Jose State

Feature

Annual QB Retreat

Each year I hold an annual retreat for many of the top QB's on the planet to come together, teach the younger generation and grow themselves and leaders and young men on and off the field.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Ben Rothlisberger

Steelers | Football

QB

Lamar Jackson

Baltimore Ravens | Football

QB

Patrick Mahomes

Kansas City Chiefs | Football

QB

ATHLETIC CAREER

QB — Saskatchewan Roughriders

CFL | Football | 1983 - 1984

QB — San Jose State

NCAA Division 1 | Football | 1979 - 1983

Clarkson later was a three-year starter for coach Jack Elway at San José State University, where he holds several passing records and was named to the Academic All-American teams in 1981 and 1982.

QB — Woodrow Wilson High

CIF | Football | 1976 - 1979

Led his team to 3 Los Angeles City Championships with a 39-1 record during three seasons. Clarkson was named to the All-City teams during his junior and senior seasons, and was the All-City Player of the Year in 1978 after leading the state in passing yards and total offense.

COACHING CAREER

Founder and Head Coach — Steve Clarkson Dreammaker

| Football | 1986

Founder and Head Quarterback Coach of Steve Clarkson Dreammaker,
one of the nation's premier quarterback development programs.
